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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, PROP, BU, CB

SUBJECT: BULGARIAN REACTION TO MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT

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REF: SOFIA 0949

1. BRIEF BTA REPORT APPEARING PRESS MAY 16 ANNOUNCED
WITHDRAWAL OF US MARINES AND CONCLUDED, "THUS...ENDED
THE LATEST DEMONSTRATION OF FORCE BY THE AMERICAN MILITARY
MACHINE."

2. ONLY COMMENTARY APPEARING THUS FAR WAS SIGNED COLUMN
ENTITLED "GUNBOATS ONCE AGAIN" IN TRADE UNION NEWSPAPER
TRUD MAY 16. COLUMN ASKS "WHERE SHALL WE SEEK REASON FOR
REJECTION OF ALMOST CERTAIN SETTLEMENT OF INCIDENT BY
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DIPLOMATIC MEANS? AND AT THAT AFTER CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT

DECLARED ITS WILLINGNESS TO RELEASE SHIP?" IT FINDS
ANSWER IN FORD'S POLITICAL MOTIVES "18 MONTHS PRIOR
TO ELECTIONS" AND AS "DEMONSTRATION OF STRENGTH ..AIMED
ALSO AT COMPENSATING FOR FAILURE OF AMERICAN POLICY
IN INDOCHINA." IT CONCLUDES, "THE ALREADY OBSOLETE
POLICY OF THE 'GUNBOATS' IS IN CONTRADICTION WITH
BASIC PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL RELAXATION OF TENSION
BY WHICH US CLAIMS IT IS ABIDING."

3. COMMENT: LIMITED REACTION SO FAR PROBABLY ATTRIBUTABLE
TO LACK OF MOSCOW GUIDANCE AND DELAY IN GEARING UP RATHER
THAN ANY RESTRAINT IN MATTER.
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